Principal’s Report

Christmas Carols Evening
We had a great evening last night and were so lucky with the weather, with the first drops of rain starting during the last item. It is a wonderful occasion for our school community to come together and share an evening of music and good cheer. Thanks need to go to Kathryn Lane for bringing such a significant event together. Her passion for music and the performing arts is so evident in the performances of our students. Thanks also to the many other staff who work in the background to help bring this event to fruition and support the students at the Carols.

School Structure for 2015
Next year we expect to start the school year with a little over 600 pupils. We will have an additional class, to bring us to 25 classes. We will have our 4 new classroom block available and so will be able to have a classroom placement which enables our Learning Teams to be placed closer together. We warmly welcome Kristy Sotiropoulos and Ruth Terpstra to our teaching team next year. We also welcome back 2 teachers who will
be familiar to most: Briony Janson (nee Hart) and Vanessa Urmston have been on family leave and are returning to share a class together. We have not had a class share before, though it is a very common practice in other schools. These two teachers know how school well and they are looking forward to being part of our teaching team again. We will also have Lesley Wilson assisting Deb Letson with our Learning Support Program. Lesley is a highly experienced teacher and will be replacing Noeleen Yates who is retiring.

All classes (F-6) will be having LOTE – Indonesian next year for a 40 minute session each week.

We will have 10 classes in the junior school and therefore will be looking at them much of the time as 2 teams of 5.

Students will have a transition session tomorrow in their 2015 class with their new teacher and will bring home a letter detailing the class and the teacher for parents’ information.

We are pleased to announce that our Student Welfare Officer, Mia Sartori, will be with us again next year. We greatly value the work Mia does with our students and her position will be funded by the school, following the federal government’s (some might say appalling) decision to restrict student welfare funding to religious providers.

Note also that the End of Year Reports will be available online on Compass tomorrow at 3pm. Unfortunately, due to Geoff Lamble’s extended illness, only partial reports will be available for students in his class. We will advise families through Compass as soon as Geoff’s component has been finalised.

A reminder that the first of our book collection opportunities is next Wednesday and levies can be paid on Compass or through the office. To collect the books you either need a print out your Compass receipt of payment, or if paid through the office you will receive a Book Collection Voucher.

**Chocolate Drive**

Unfortunately we are still waiting on 40 boxes of Chocolates to be returned from families in the school. This makes the task for our volunteer CHAPS fundraisers all that bit harder, having to chase these up. If you have not returned your chocolate money, could you please address this as a matter of urgency.

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**Graeme Caudry - Principal**

** Vacation Care, Tuesday January 27th**

Our Vacation Care program will be offering an extra day on Tuesday January 27th, 2015. Details and cost of the day’s activities will be advised shortly. Please advise our OSHC co-ordinators if you are interested in enrolling your child/ren on this day.
Music News

Carols Concert Last Night
Congratulations to all of our very talented students who performed so professionally last night!! I am very proud of the way you learnt your songs and movements and delivered them with such high energy and enthusiasm. Well done everyone!! A big thank you to our wonderful staff who not only played their boomwhackers with great skill (and a sense of humour) during “Disco Deck The Halls” but supported the concert by rehearsing the Christmas songs with their classes.

Croydon Centro and Movies
One more performance for the Senior Choir. We will be leaving school at 11:10 on Tuesday 16th December and performing at Croydon Centro at 11:30. After that we will be off to the movies to see “Paddington”. School uniform is to be worn for this excursion as your choir uniforms are due back to me (clean and ironed) in the P.A.C. the day before – Monday 15th.

Instrumental Lesson Update
Instrumental lessons will continue next year, however we will no longer be using “Wonnies”. A new company will begin at CHPS very early in 2015 and we’re looking forward to building the program even further and ensuring that our program is a high quality one. Enrolment forms will be available soon so that we can resume lessons seamlessly in the new year.

Kathryn Lane - Performing Arts.

Canteen News
FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER IS THE LAST DAY FOR LUNCH ORDERS FOR 2014 ONLINE ORDERS
If ordering online, please make sure you confirm your online orders as the final stage MUST be completed or orders will not be received at the canteen. To check this, a confirmation email should be sent to your nominated email address from flexischools. If you do not receive the email, your order has not been accepted and you will need to re-do all three steps.

Karen Cyster – Canteen Manager

Telephone: 9725 1206  OSHC 9724 4514
Library News

I have now completed stock take in all areas from where the students borrow. Books are taken from the shelves. I then check under and behind the shelves and then enter the books individually into the computer. As at Wednesday there are still 61 students with 84 overdue books between them and while this may not sound a lot, they have a total value of over $1060.00! I have written out notices for all these students. Please ask them to have a good look at home and at school for these books. It is surprising the number of books that remain in school bags until the last minute. A book is not considered returned until it comes back to the library.

Remember – these books will still be in your child’s name next year if they are not returned.

If you find a book at home that has a school stamp or library barcode on it please return it as some teachers borrow books in their names and these are mistakenly taken home by students. There are other times when the students simply forget to check the book out before they leave the library. These books show up as ‘missing’ after stocktake and there is no way of tracing them. Please encourage your child to continue reading over the holidays and also take some time out to read to them. I advise all adults to head to the library and borrow an audio book, sit back, close your eyes and listen or listen to it while driving. You will rediscover the joys of having someone read to you. Have fun when reading to your children – really get into it with voices and facial expressions – it provides memories for a lifetime. Reading is not just a quality pastime - it has also been shown to improve children’s speech, spelling and grammar. Remember that the Ringwood and Croydon libraries are just around the corner and often have activities on over the holidays.

Another place to consider for a visit is the State Library of Victoria in the city. They often have free exhibitions (and not just about books). Their Web address is www.slv.vic.gov.au and click on the ‘What’s On’ tab.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who help me in the library. Thank you to Janine and Kate who do Scholastic Book Club twice a year and a big thank you to Pat who, until last term, came in once a week to help with shelving. She has decided to pursue other activities (I believe it is table tennis that has lured her away). It has been about eight years since Pat’s grandchildren last attended our school, yet she still continued to volunteer in the library. Thanks Pat.

Sue Offer - Library Technician

Uniform News

Uniform Shop Opening Hours;
Monday 8.30am to 10am
Thursday 2.30pm to 4pm
The Uniform Shop will be open on the Book Collection days;
17th of December 8.30am-10.30am
28th of January 8.30am-10.30am
Flexischools
Uniform orders can be placed any day through FlexiSchools.com.au. Your order will be processed during normal opening hours and delivered home via your child’s classroom.
Order forms can also be left at the office.
Orders and enquiries can be made by phoning the Uniform Shop during our opening hours. All orders will be sent to your child’s classroom, unless otherwise specified.

Anissa Silver - Manager

CHAPS NEWS

The Christmas carols were a great night and fun for everyone. Thank you to Karen and those who volunteered to help in the canteen with the pre-ordered dinners. Thank you also to the CHAPS members who sold Christmas headbands, badges and raffle tickets. Congratulations to all the winners of the raffle!

Our first Christmas tart drive has been a great success. The tarts will be delivered Friday and distributed to classes before the end of the day. Well done to Milla Blackie (F-H) who was our highest fundraiser. Fantastic effort!

First book collection is next week and if you are thinking of covering your books for 2015, why not consider EZ-COVER. They are easy to use, reusable and come in lots of different designs. Plus the school gets a rebate for each cover sold. An information page can be found later in this newsletter and flyers with order details will be available at book collection.

The CHAPS AGM was held this week and we have a new committee ready for a successful and fun 2015. We would like to thank Justine Wratten (President) and Kylie Van Roosmalen (Vice President), who have both stepped down from their roles, for all your hard work and contribution over the past few years.

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I would like to encourage you to join CHAPS in 2015. I joined for the first time this year as a way to become more involved, as I can’t always help out with class activities. As a result I have made some amazing friends and had lots of fun. It’s a great way to stay up to date with what’s happening and get involved where you can. So why not join for 2015. Membership is only $2 which provides voting rights and ensures you will be emailed the minutes for each meeting. Forms will be available at the office from next week and at book collection.

Finally thank you to everyone who has volunteered, taken part or supported CHAPS events this year. A very special thank you to the 2014 CHAPS committee as well.

Have a merry Christmas and happy new year!

**Keddie Waller**

CHAPS President

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chaps@croydonhps.vic.gov.au

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**Jump To The Sky For Cancer**

At the start of the term Benjamin (M-K) was re-diagnosed with Leukaemia Cancer.

We decided to do a fundraiser for the Leukaemia Foundation with the Middle and Senior students, to help families that are going through the same difficulties.

We thought a good way to do this was to have a skipping day.

It is being held tomorrow before recess and is a gold coin donation for students participating. Other donations would be greatly accepted too!

We are all very excited and are looking forward to tomorrow!

-Brianna & Matilda

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**SCHOOL BANKING NEWS**

Reward tokens WILL be carried forward to next year. This means you can use your tokens for rewards next year.

Tomorrow, Friday 12th will be the last day for School banking deposits.

Please contact me if you have any Rewards queries as the last day for ordering in TOMORROW 12th Dec.

Thank you.

Robyn Gatt.

0400 411 425
Student Citizenship Awards that were presented at last week's assembly

Foundation – Ky FW
Year 1 – Shaye JrF
Year 2 – Abby JrMc
Year 3 – Thomas MdT
Year 4 – Ela MdL
Year 5 – Josh SrB
Year 6 – Matthew SrS

CONGRATULATIONS!
Tomorrow the Middle and Senior students are having ‘Jump to the Sky’

Money raised will go towards supporting the Leukaemia Foundation and Ben in MdK

Any donations are greatly appreciated and we hope to see you there watching our moves and enjoying some loud music

THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE

Please support the Salvation Army Toy Appeal and the Wesley Mission Food Drive. Thanks to those who have already donated.

Items need to be collected next Thursday and we still have plenty of boxes to fill.

Refer to the page in the newsletter promoting it!!

Are you ready to laugh?

Birthdays this week….
Tuesday 9th December
Alex JrD

Wed 10th December
Josh T JrT

Thursday 11th December
Riley SrP and Lucy SrM

Friday 12th December
Sesath JrBB

Sunday 14th December
William FW, Amelia MdD and Matteo MdW

What goes ‘oh, oh, oh’?
Santa walking backwards

What do monkeys sing at Christmas?
Jungle Bells,
Jungle Bells

Which reindeer has no manners?
RUDE-olph!!

What never eats at Christmas?
Turkeys ‘cause they are usually stuffed!

Happy Birthday!!
15th March 2015

94 days to go.................

With less than 100 days to the Croydon Hills Primary School Family Fun Fair, now is the time to secure your unlimited ride pass. Early bird ticket forms are due back in the office tomorrow. Don’t miss out.

THANKS

A BIG thanks once again to all those that have put up a hand to help out at the fair. If you would like to join in the fun email us at chpsfete2015@gmail.com

UNLIMITED RIDE PASS

Rides included:
- Chair-o-plane
- Giant Slide
- Cha-Cha
- Music Trip
- Jumping Castle

Well that’s it for 2014.... Watch this space in 2015 for all the latest Fair News, New Competitions, Prize Announcements and much more. From the 2015 Fair Team we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Safe and Happy New Year.

LIKE US ON facebook

Stay up to date with all the latest fair news with our facebook community page at CHPS Fair 2015. See our latest entries in the logo competition.

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1 - Slide in the front
2 - Slide in the back
3 - Finished
DON’T FORGET OUR DRIVE TO HELP NEEDY FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS.

PLEASE DONATE TO WESLEY MISSION’S “FOOD FOR FAMILIES” APPEAL BY PLACING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS IN THE RED BOXES IN THE FOYER – SUGGESTED DONATION LIST OPPOSITE.

DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED SHORTLY.

Suggested Donation List

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Monetary donations are also accepted.

Please use the enclosed donation form or visit www.wesley.org.au

OR MAKE A CHILD’S CHRISTMAS MORNING SHINE BY DONATING NEW TOYS (please label eg: “girl, 9”).

BOX FOR GIFTS IN THE FOYER.

SOME GREAT IDEAS & HANDY HINTS

VISIT www.wesley.org.au OR www.salvationarmy.org.au FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Tuition costs from $16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2015.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333

www.creativemusic.com.au

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If anyone in the school community lives near the school and would be happy to collect our chickens’ eggs and feed the chooks over the holidays, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact Felicity Puckey puckey.felicity.f@edumail.vic.gov.au